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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEHARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JUNE 25, 1974:

QUOTE: MR. ANDERSON: I HAVE A STATEMENT HERE, A VERY
BRIEF ONE, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ON THE NAHARIYYA TERRORIST
RAID OF YESTERDAY:

ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE WITNESSED A TRAGIC SPECTACLE OF AN
ATTACK ON INNOCENT CIVILIANS. WE ARE SHOCKED OVER THIS
SENSELESS MURDER OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN. AS THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT HAS SAID REPEATEDLY, THESE ACTS OF
VIOLENCE ONLY FEED BITTERNESS AND HATRED, WHICH WORK AGAINST
A PEACE SETTLEMENT.

THE UNITED STATES REMAINS COMMITTED TO A PROCESS OF NEGO-
TIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH WILL STRENGTHEN THE
FORCES OF MODERATION AND LEAD TO A GENUINE, NEGOTIATED
PEACE.

Q. HAVE YOU TALKED TO THE ISRAELIS IN AN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT
ANY RETALIATION FOR THIS RAID? HAVE YOU DISCUSSED THE
MATTER WITH THEM?

A. WELL, WE ARE WATCHING THIS SITUATION VERY CLOSELY, AND
ALL I WOULD LIKE TO SAY AT THIS POINT IS THAT OVER THE PAST
WEEKS THE UNITED STATES HAS REPEATEDLY DEPLORED THIS ACTION
-REACTION-CYCLE OF VIOLENCE -- AND WE HAVE LEFT NO DOUBT
THAT WE DEPLORE THIS CONTINUING VIOLENCE, WHICH, AS I SAID
EARLIER, DOES UNDERMINE THE FORCES OF MODERATION IN THE
MIDDLE EAST.

Q. HAS THE UNITED STATES MADE ANY DIRECT REPRESENTATION
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TO ISRAEL ABOUT THIS -- OTHER THAN JUST PUBLIC STATEMENTS?
I'M TALKING ABOUT THE SITUATION WHEN OTHER PALESTINIANS SAY
THAT THIS WAS IN REPRISAL FOR THE ISRAELI RAIDS LAST WEEK,
AND THAT THE CYCLE HAS BEGUN AGAIN.

A. WELL, AS IT WAS ANNOUNCED, I THINK THREE OR FOUR DAYS
AGO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON IN ORDER TO TRY AND CALM
THE S TUATION, DID TALK WITH THE ISRAELI AND LEBANESE

EMBASSIES HERE. THAT WAS A PRIVATE INITIATIVE, AND AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE MADE OUR VIEWS, I THINK, RATHER WELL KNOWN PUBLICLY AND FIRMLY ENOUGH.

Q. THE PALESTINIANS TODAY MADE THE STATEMENT THAT THE TERRORISTS DID NOT COME FROM OUTSIDE ISRAEL -- THEY CAME FROM INSIDE. DO WE KNOW THIS TO BE A FACT?

A. I JUST DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT, I REALLY DON'T.
END QUOTE. SISCO

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